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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action in the above-identified Application mailed October 3, 2003, for which a shortened statutory period for response of thirty (30) days is set to expire November 3, 2003.

Please consider the accompanying Remarks.

REMARKS

Responsive to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects Claims 1-25 of the Examiner's Group I, with reservation of Applicants' right to file divisional applications directed to the remaining claims.

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